

(Docket No. 02N-0466)

Dear FDA,

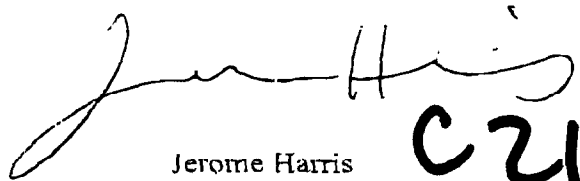
The idea to give children vaccinations for Small Pox is definitely a good idea because it will allow the whole population to benefit, but it will cause much controversy because it seems that children are the only 'guinea pigs' to use in this experiment. I believe that all FDA employees involved in this experiment should use their own children, because this way the general society will not have to worry about their American children that could grow up to important parts of the economy and society.

Honestly, the children of the FDA employees are no different than any American children. But would any of the FDA employees allow their children to go through this? If not then no one should have to suffer the mental weight of his or her child possibly dying because of some experiment. Of course the purpose of the experiment is good and I am sure that everything is planned out strategically and with care. But when the possibility of the loss of any life comes into play, is it worth it? Is it worth losing forty children over losing the whole population? What if terrorists drop a bomb carrying a totally different virus or bacteria? What exactly are we preparing for?

If we, the general public, know about the FDA's plans then so do terrorists and therefore I am sure they will be prepared to change their game plan against us. This experimentation should have been done under closed circumstances so that terrorists would not have a chance to change their strategy. I am sure worst experiments have been conducted, yet why bring it out to the public now? People like me have to say that this is a horrible thing to do, but if I was to not know about it and find out later I am sure that I would be less upset than I am now. I should not be writing this letter right now because I do not think the public, including me, was ready for this. It just should have been done, and explained after like the FDA always does.

Sincerely,

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